

Egyptian team flies to Kuwait

CAIRO (R) — An Egyptian delegation flew to Kuwait Sunday to attend a special meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement's coordination bureau in what was seen in Cairo as a partial breakthrough in Egyptian-Arab relations. The meeting was called to discuss ways to help the Palestinian cause after Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights in December and uprising on the occupied West Bank following last month's dismissal of three Arab mayors. State-run Cairo Radio said the arrival of the Egyptian delegation in Kuwait indicated "Arab feelings have begun to cool down after the angry outburst that accompanied the peace process." Arab states—with the exception of Sudan, Somalia and Oman—severed relations with Egypt after it signed the 1979 treaty with Israel.

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Street cuts short Mideast tour

CAIRO (R) — Australian Foreign Minister Anthony Street decided Sunday to cut short a Middle East tour because of a crisis at home in the ruling Liberal Party, an Australian embassy spokesman said. He said the minister was urgently required at home because of a challenge to the leadership of Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser after the opposition Labour Party swept to power in an election Saturday in the south Australian state of Victoria. (Related story on page 8) Mr. Street was due to have flown to Jordan and then to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain during a tour which has also taken him to Israel and Egypt. He met Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday morning. The spokesman said Mr. Street hoped to resume the Middle East tour at a later date.

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Riyadh deplores Israeli diplomat's killing in Paris

RIYADH (A.P.) — The Saudi state radio condemned Sunday the assassination of an Israeli diplomat in Paris as an "inhuman and illegal" act. "But if the murder is among acts we do not approve, we warn at the same time that double standards in the international community" are promoting the spread of terrorist tactics, the radio said in its main political commentary. It contrasted the denunciations expressed over the Israeli diplomat's death with lack of international sympathy for the plight of the Palestinian people in Israeli-occupied territories.

Moroccan ship sinks near Spain

VIGO, Spain (R) — Seven crew were killed and three others were missing after a Moroccan cargo ship sank Sunday near this northwest Spanish port, the marine command said. The remaining eight crew survived. The 1,594-ton Zeida ran into bad weather about 50 kilometres northwest of here.

Kurdish rebels kidnap 2 Frenchmen

BEIRUT (R) — Kurdish rebels have kidnapped two French surveyors in northern Iraq and are offering to exchange them for Kurdish prisoners held in Iraqi jails, a Kurdish statement said here Sunday. The statement, issued by the Kurdish Socialist Party-Iraq, said Stanislas Mroczek and Gerard Perret were captured on Jan. 25 while working on nuclear and military projects near Kirkuk in northern Iraq. "The surveyors will be tried by revolutionary courts if Iraq refuses to meet our demands," the statement said. Eight experts from Egypt, India and Lebanon have been captured and held in mountain strongholds and then released by the Kurdish rebels who are fighting for autonomy of their ethnic region in northern Iraq, it said. The rebels are also holding British engineer Michael Powell against a ransom of £500,000 (about \$895,000).

Jaruzelski to visit Prague

BERLIN (A.P.) — Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski will visit Czechoslovakia on Monday, the East German news agency ADN reported. ADN said Gen. Jaruzelski would fly Monday to Prague for a "visit of friendship." The visit comes one week after the Polish leader paid a visit to East Berlin and will be his third venture to a fellow Soviet bloc state since the Dec. 13 imposition of martial law.

Cairo moves against importers of bad food

CAIRO (R) — The government has announced a crackdown on importers of bad food after consignments of spoiled chickens, putrid meat and rancid cheese found their way onto the market. Deputy Prime Minister Fikri Makram Ebeid said the government was studying changes in the law on food imports and had decided to close firms found to be bringing in bad produce. Mr. Ebeid said the government was also studying the possible extradition of Egyptian millionaire businessman Tewfik Abdul Hai from abroad in connection with allegations of bad food imports from Greece and unpaid loans.

Egypt prohibits fishing around sunken cargo

CAIRO, Egypt (A.P.) — All fishing has been prohibited in a seven-kilometre area around a sunken ship near the northern end of the Suez Canal because of the leakage of some of its poisonous cargo, officials said Sunday. The Dutch cargo ship Garnet collided with a Liberian tanker Dec. 19, 1981, near the entrance of the canal, and was towed 11 kilometres out into the Mediterranean to clear the way, according to Cairo press reports. Officials said the Garnet's 8,825-ton cargo consisted mostly of iron ore, but approximately 300 tons were made of insecticides and poisonous materials.

Calls for closure of PLO offices in Europe

Israel cabinet puts secrecy order on attache's murder deliberations

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israel Sunday called on all countries to close down offices of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, following the murder of an Israeli diplomat in Paris. Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet discussed the murder during its regular meeting, but put an official order of secrecy on its deliberations.

Israeli armed forces radio quoted ministers as saying during the meeting that Israel viewed the killing Sunday as a violation of the U.S.-mediated ceasefire agreement that ended fighting between Israel and the Palestinians last summer.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir called for the closure of PLO offices to help stop "an incessant chain of murders and terrorist actions in many countries."

In an official communique, Mr. Shamir charged that "PLO offices all over the world and especially in Europe serve as bases for these activities."

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said the cabinet's discussion on security was held in the format of the ministerial defence committee, on which reporting is forbidden.

He refused to repeat accusations by the foreign ministry on Saturday that the assassination was carried out by the PLO, despite denials from Palestinian headquarters in Beirut.

Claims

In Beirut, two obscure org-

anisations have claimed responsibility for the murder of the Israeli diplomat.

The "Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Factions" said they carried out the attack. Their hand-written statement in Arabic also said: "All symbols of U.S. imperialism, its base Israel, and those who have followed its course, will remain targets for the blows of our revolutionaries."

In January the same organisation said it had been behind the murder in Paris of U.S. Military Attache Charles Ray. But U.S. sources said later they thought the claim was probably a hoax.

The factions claimed responsibility four days ago for a machine-gun attack on an Israeli building in Paris.

Lebanese newspapers said an anonymous telephone caller had claimed responsibility on behalf of a previously unknown group calling itself the "Arab Revolutionary Brigades Movement."

The caller had said: "Wait for more surprises."

Israel's ambassador in France, Meir Rosenne, said Saturday that the PLO was probably behind the

shooting of senior attache Yacov Barsimantov. But a PLO spokesman denied the accusation.

Search

Meanwhile in Paris, experts searched Sunday for clues to the identity of the young woman who shot dead the attache in a quiet Paris street, but said they had made no progress in their efforts to find her. Mr. Barsimantov, 43, was shot three times in the head at close range outside his house in the capital's exclusive 16th District.

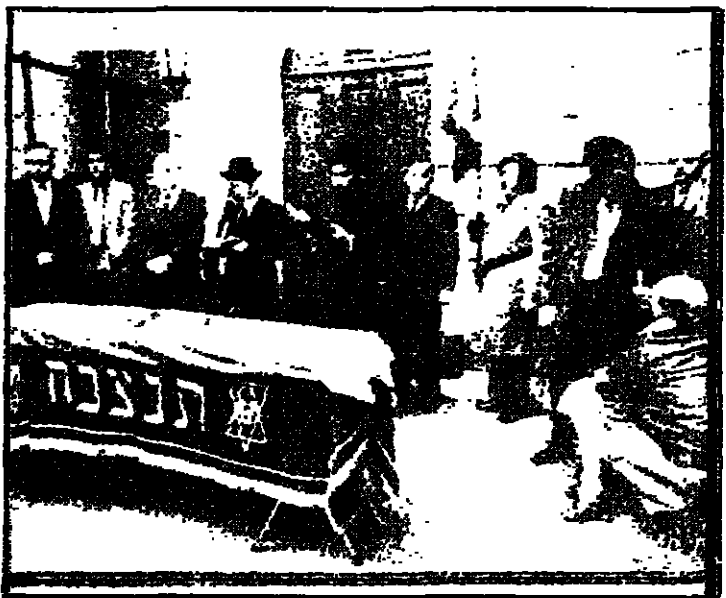
But at a crowded memorial service for Mr. Barsimantov Sunday morning at the embassy, Israeli Ambassador Meir Rosenne repeated his statement made just after the attack that the PLO was probably behind the killing.

"Terrorists must be punished and organisations like the PLO must not be encouraged," Mr. Rosenne said.

It was the first assassination of an Israeli diplomat in Paris but the second attack against Israeli representatives in the past week. On Wednesday, masked gunmen raked an Israeli embassy building in central Paris with machine-gun fire.

French President Francois Mitterrand and External Relations Minister Claude Chevillon have sent messages to the ambassador expressing their deep regret at the killing.

The body of the murdered diplomat was being flown back to Israel Sunday night, officials said.



Friends comfort Mrs. Yacov Barsimantov (right) at the funeral ceremony in Paris Sunday of her husband, the senior attache at the Israeli embassy in France (AP wirephoto)

Argentina occupies scientific settlement in Falkland Islands

BUENOS AIRES (R) — British marines killed three members of an Argentine invasion force Saturday when they fired on two helicopters landing troops to seize the remote British-held island of South Georgia, the Argentine government reported Sunday.

A government communique said its occupying force had called on the British settlement at Grytviken to surrender after having been told there were no soldiers on the island and the civilian residents would not resist.

South Georgia is a dependency of the Falkland (Malvinas) Islands and its seizure followed the capture of the Falklands on Friday after nearly 150 years of British rule.

The communique said two helicopters had begun disembarking Argentine troops on South Georgia after the surrender call.

The first helicopter landed without difficulty, but "when the second touched down, English troops, whose existence had been denied, opened fire suddenly on the helicopters and their passengers, killing three Argentines," it said.

The communique said the British contingent surrendered after a two-hour fight. The government had earlier said there were no British casualties.

In London, British Defence Secretary John Nott said earlier in a television interview that 22 marines at Grytviken had been overwhelmed after destroying an Argentine helicopter and damaging an Argentine navy Corvette with a hand-held anti-tank gun.

Official sources in Buenos Aires said it was not known whether the British Royal Navy ice patrol vessel Endurance was involved in the fighting on South Georgia, a mountainous island 2,000 kilometres east of Cape Horn.

The vessel was reported to be off South Georgia shortly before Argentina invaded the British colonial outpost of the Falklands on Friday.

Sources in the deposed Falklands administration said the settlement at Grytviken on South Georgia consisted of about 12 scientists of the British Antarctic Survey with only handguns to protect themselves from wild animals.

On the Falkland Islands, occupation forces confined the 1,800 inhabitants to their homes, and in a series of communiques read out on the local radio station announced penalties for dissent against Argentine rule.

The communiques said islanders who stepped outside their homes would be liable to 15 days imprisonment and jail terms of up to 60 days would be imposed on anyone who showed disrespect to the invaders.

Diplomatic sources in Buenos Aires said some members of the 80-strong Royal Marine contingent guarding the islands were believed to have escaped into the hilly interior to organise civilian resistance.

The marines defending Port Stanley surrendered to the invaders after a few hours of fighting and were flown to the Uruguayan capital of Montevideo Saturday with British Governor Rex Hunt.

PLO accuses Washington of complicity in aggression

BEIRUT (R) — The Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on Saturday attacked the United States for vetoing a Security Council resolution denouncing Israeli actions in occupied Arab territories.

A PLO statement said the veto last Friday pointed to "U.S. complicity in Israel's escalating aggression, oppression and murder inside and outside the occupied territories."

The PLO would call for a special session of the U.N. General Assembly to take deterrent resolutions against Israel, it said. The big powers have no veto in the assembly.

Lebanese newspapers were critical of the veto but said it came as no surprise.

The independent daily An-Nashar said: "After this it is hard to absolve the U.S. of responsibility for what is happening in the West Bank and Gaza Strip."

The leftist As-Safir said Washington had adopted the role of ideologist for Israel's policy of repression.

Chatti charges American veto changed Mideast conflict into U.S.-Arab dispute

KLWAIT (R) — Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Secretary-General Habib Chatti said Sunday that U.S. support for Israel at the United Nations embarrased moderate Arab countries close to Washington.

He said U.S. policies were turning the Arab-Israeli dispute into an Arab-U.S. dispute.

Mr. Chatti, in Kuwait for a non-aligned foreign ministers meeting on Palestine this week, was commenting on a U.S. veto two days ago of a United Nations Security Council resolution denouncing Israeli actions in occupied Arab territories.

In an interview with Reuters, he said the U.S. veto was surprising. It would make it more difficult for the leaders of moderate Arab states to check a growing feeling in the Arab world that the United States is hostile to Arabs.

Except for Turkey, all 43 members of the OIC which has its headquarters in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, also belong to the Non-aligned Movement.

Mr. Chatti said he was surprised the United States should ignore the particular situation of Arab states close to it and the consequences of its policies while approving what he called errors and crimes by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

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on the Jordanian resolution. He said the U.S. veto would facilitate the task of those who denounced the United States as an unconditional ally of Israel.

It would embarrass those who shared traditions of friendship and dialogue with the United States and held identical views on ideological and other issues.

Describing U.S. policies as dangerous, he said they favoured neither peace nor U.S. interests or even those of Israel.

Gulf newspapers sharply criticised the United States Sunday, and the Saudi Arabian newspaper Al-Madina described the veto as an "inhuman and ignoble turnabout by the U.S."

The Bahrain Daily Akhbar Al-Khaleej said the veto showed Washington's continuing enmity towards Arab rights, adding: "It seems the U.S. can no longer bear a mere rebuke of its Zionist ally by the world community."

The United Arab Emirates semi-official daily, Al-Itrahad, said the latest veto did not differ from previous vetoes, except that this time it was more indicative of Washington's endless enmity towards the Arabs.

Called to discuss Palestine cause

Non-aligned aides to tackle Gulf war

By François Durlaud

Reuters

KUWAIT — Fresh efforts to end the Iraq-Iran war will be made this week when foreign ministers of the Non-aligned Movement meet in Kuwait, only 800 kilometres from the battlefield at the head of the Gulf.

The special meeting of the non-aligned coordination bureau was called to discuss ways to help the Palestine cause. But the continuing war, now in its 19th month, is looming increasingly large over the Non-aligned Movement as it prepares for a summit conference in Baghdad in September.

Both Iran and Iraq belong to the 96-member movement, and their foreign ministers will be in Kuwait for the three-day meeting from Tuesday.

Diplomatic sources said a non-aligned "committee of goodwill" was expected to hold separate

talks with the two ministers and then may decide to visit Baghdad and Tehran.

The four-member committee, set up last year, is composed of the foreign ministers of Cuba, India, Zambia and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), whose chairman, Yasser Arafat, had talks Sunday with the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

Diplomatic analysts said Iran was likely to harden its attitude. A senior Iranian diplomat told Reuters Iraq would have to pay a higher political price for what he called its aggression.

Iran, backed by Syria, Iraq's Arab neighbour and foe, has asked that the Baghdad summit be either shifted to another capital or postponed, claiming that Iraq had violated the principles of non-alignment. However, the request has received little support so far from other non-aligned countries.

A key principle of the Non-aligned Movement, created 21 years ago, is that no state should acquire or occupy territories by the use of force and whatever territories have been acquired in this way should be returned.

Iraq is claiming some disputed border areas and demanding full sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway. Iran refuses to talk until the last Iraqi soldier has left its soil.

All previous efforts by the Non-aligned Movement, the United Nations and the Islamic states to end the war have failed.

On the Palestinian issue, the foreign ministers are expected to condemn Israeli actions in occupied Arab territories following the annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights last December and the recent dismissal of the Palestinian mayors of three West Bank towns.

Arab foreign ministers, who met in Tunis last week, called on Arab states, all of which belong to the Non-aligned Movement, to provide material, political and moral assistance to commandos in occupied Palestine and Syria.

Yugoslavia, a founding member of the Non-aligned Movement, has called for urgent measures by the international community to stop what Vice President Petar Stambolic termed Israeli aggression in the Middle East and create conditions for finding a comprehensive solution to the crisis in the region.

Those non-aligned countries which see the United States as an unconditional ally of Israel are expected to press for condemnation of U.S. Middle East policies.

Senior officials meet Monday to prepare for the meeting of the 35-member bureau, which other non-aligned countries can attend as observers.

Pope John appeals for Mideast peace

VATICAN CITY (R) — Pope John Paul made an emotional appeal Sunday for peace in the Middle East following a wave of bloody violence in Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

The Pope, speaking to over 100,000 people in St. Peter's Square during a Palm Sunday address, prayed for all regions where human dignity and the right to live in peace were denied or obstructed.

"I am thinking specially today on this Sunday of the Lord's passion of the Land of Jesus—Palestine—where He taught love and died so that humanity might find reconciliation."

"There have already been four bloody wars and a terrible sequence of pain and deprivation for the people of the region."

"Also in recent weeks new grievous episodes have occurred in Cis-Jordan (the Vatican's term for the West Bank and Gaza) with dead and injured, while the anxiety and insecurity of the population has grown," the Pontiff said.



Pope John Paul

"It is unreal after so many disappointments to hope that one day these two peoples, each accepting the existence and reality of the other, might find the path to a dialogue which will bring about a just solution, in which both live in peace, dignity and freedom, mutually committed to tolerance and reconciliation," the Pope asked.

He has often stated that a Middle East peace solution must not ignore the rights of the Palestinians. The Holy See also opposed Israel's decision to declare Jerusalem its capital.

The Pope earlier celebrated the traditional Palm Sunday mass in St. Peter's Square, marking the beginning of Holy Week, and performed the centuries-old ceremony of blessing palm and olive branches in memory of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Pilgrims, reciting the Prayer of the Faithful in several languages, prayed that the world be preserved from the "plague of war and violence and that bloodshed cease everywhere."

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Tourism Ministry embarks on new five-year plan

Developing facilities, beautifying sites and promoting image

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities plans to invest a total of JD 65 million under the current five-year plan (1981-1985). This article details the areas in which those resources will be deployed to preserve the heritage of the past and serve the visitors of the future

THE MINISTRY of Tourism and Antiquities is now operating under its five year plan, which began in 1981 and will end in 1985. This plan has the ambitious objective of increasing Jordan's annual tourism revenues from the 1980 figure of JD 160 million to JD 280 million by the end of 1985.

In order to make such an achievement possible, the ministry is embarking on a series of projects that will develop Jordan's touristic facilities, beautify and maintain its touristic sites, promote Jordan's touristic image abroad and preserve its archaeological monuments.

The ministry's current five-year plan envisages that a total of JD 54.7 million will be invested in projects that will help promote tourism in Jordan. The plan provides for close cooperation between the government and the private

and public sectors for the execution of these projects, with an estimated JD 48.76 million contribution from both sectors.

The ministry's plan also includes several projects for the reconstruction and maintenance of Jordan's archaeological sites at a cost of JD 12.9 million, the bulk of which will be financed out of the annual government budget.

The ministry's current five-year plan includes several major projects for the development of tourism in Jordan. One such project, which will cost JD 190,000 will transform the Aqaba Government Rest House into a museum commemorating the Great Arab Revolt. Objects relating to the Revolt will be displayed at the museum, and visitors will also be able to enjoy a sound and light programme illustrating the Revolt. The project will also develop the

beach strip in front of the rest house as a holiday resort for the limited income groups in Jordan.

Another project which the Ministry of Tourism will undertake within the framework of its current five-year plan is the construction of tourist facilities at the site of Siyagha in Madaba. A restaurant, car park and other facilities will be built at a cost of JD 3 million.

The north of the country will also enjoy its share of projects with the construction of roads around the tourist areas in the wooded resorts of Ajloun and Dibbin, together with vantage sightseeing spots and car parks. The ministry is planning to spend JD 2.25 million on its projects in the Ajloun and Dibbin areas.

The ministry of tourism and antiquities plans to establish a coral and marine park in Aqaba for the

preservation of marine life and deep sea corals. The project, which will be carried out in conjunction with the ministry of municipal and rural affairs and the environment, will include related touristic facilities and is expected to enrich Aqaba's touristic attraction.

The ministry's five-year plan for the development of tourism also includes several projects to be financed by the public and private sectors. These projects will cost a total of JD 48.76 million, and will include the building of hotels, tourist centres and other facilities. A 150-room hotel will be built in Ajloun, together with car parks, swimming pools and parks in an attempt to encourage local and foreign tourists to visit the summer resort of Ajloun. Another 300-room hotel will be built adjacent to the new Queen Alia International Airport, while a third hotel and physiotherapy centre will be built in Zara the Dead Sea.

Another touristic site that will receive the ministry's attention during the current five-year plan period is Aqaba, where tourist facilities near the mineral water springs will be developed at a cost of JD 400,000.

Private and public sector investments are also expected to finance the construction of national parks, swimming pools and caf-



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eterias in the Jordan Valley area surrounding Shuneh and Mas-har.

The public and private sectors will also contribute toward further development of tourist facilities in Aqaba by financing the construction of a lagoon in the northern part of the coastal city. The site will also include a tourist village, entertainment facilities, hotels, and clubs.

Efforts to promote desert tourism will also be undertaken through the building of chalets and camping facilities in the Wadi Rum desert.

Tourist facilities near the desert castle of Azraq will also be developed by the public and private sectors under the current five-year plan.

The ministry of tourism and antiquities also plans to carry out several projects for the preservation

Several projects will be devoted to the reconstruction and maintenance of archaeological sites, at a cost of JD 12.9 million

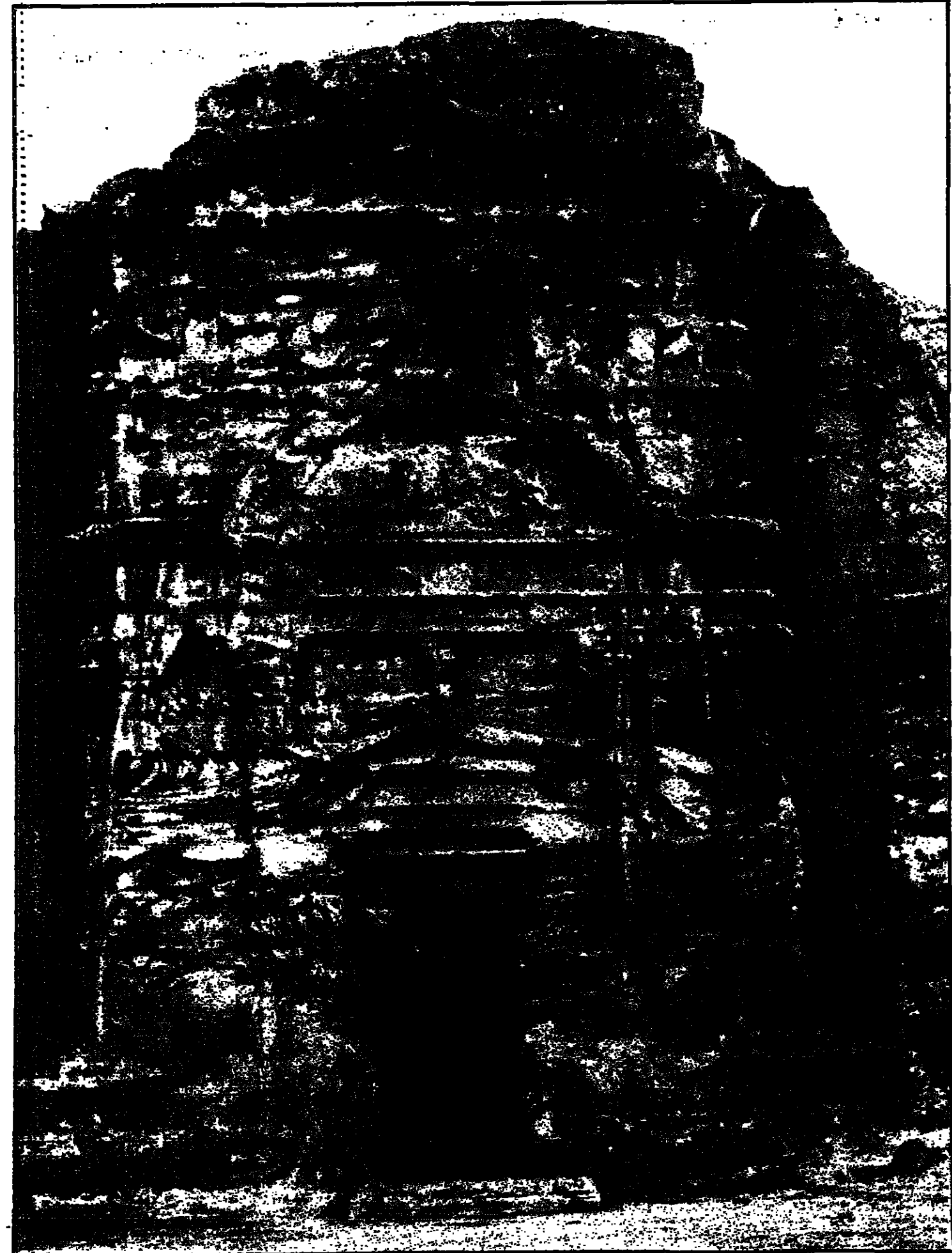
and enhancement of Jordan's archaeological sites. Reconstruction and maintenance of the Roman city of Jerash alone will cost the ministry JD 8.25 million. Maintenance and reconstruction at other archaeological sites throughout the country, particularly at the Al-Rabad Castle in Ajloun, Al-Karak Castle, Al-Shobak Castle, Al-Tuba Castle and Al-Harraneh Castle, will cost the ministry JD 1.15 million. Archaeological excavations at Deir Alla, Tabaqat Fahl, Umm Qais, Lahhoun, Jerash, Lajjoun and the Baq'a caves will cost the ministry another JD 250,000.

Also within the framework of its 1981-1985 plan, the ministry of tourism and antiquities will establish the Jordanian Archaeological Museum in Amman to accommodate all objects of value which the present museum is unable to house. The construction of

this new museum is expected to cost JD 2.3 million. The development of already existing museums in Irbid, Jerash, Salt, Karak and Petra will cost a further JD 50,000.

All in all, a total of JD 65,650,000 will be spent during the 1981-1985 plan period on the development of tourism and the preservation of antiquities in Jordan. The general budget will provide JD 16,844,000. Another JD 1.5 million will be made available through foreign loans, while JD 500,000 will be provided by assistance. The private sector will invest an estimated JD 46.8 million in Jordan's tourism sector in an unprecedented bid by the government to include the private sector in the tourism industry on a large scale.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Foods import, export plan prepared

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Department of Agricultural Economy and Planning at the Ministry of Agriculture has issued its April vegetables and fruits import and export plan banning the importation of a number of agricultural produce, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Sunday. The April import ban includes tomatoes, eggplants, potatoes, onions, cucumber, marrow, cauliflower, cabbage, green broad beans, citrus varieties, grapes, melons, pears, mangoes, cherries, pineapple, strawberries, custard apples, avocado, coconuts, bananas, caca and loquats. The import-export April plan has not banned the export of any kind of vegetables or fruits, the paper added.

Ministry to print Jerash postcards

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities has decided to print postcards depicting the ancient city of Jerash as part of the drive to market Jordan's tourist attractions abroad. The ministry also has plans for producing records bearing the name of Jerash and with Jordanian folk songs and music, a ministry spokesman said. In a bid to promote tourism in Irbid Governorate, the ministry has decided to issue special pamphlets about tourist attractions in the north of Jordan, which will be distributed to Arab and foreign visitors to Jordan, the spokesman said.

Studies held to coordinate industries

AMMAN (Petra) — An Arab League special committee opens a three-day meeting at the Council of Arab Economic Unity (CAEU) headquarters here Tuesday to discuss means of achieving Arab industrial integration. The committee representing various Arab League organisations will study five research projects that are designed to achieve coordination among various Arab industries in line with the Arab Economic Unity strategy. A meeting of Arab League organisations held in Baghdad towards the end of March 1981 had recommended that the CAEU prepare these studies.

Livestock banned from Zarqa

ZARQA (Petra) — Raising livestock within Zarqa Municipality limits was prohibited Sunday by order of Zarqa District's public safety committee chaired by District Governor Salem Al Qudah. The committee decided that all sheep and goats living within the Zarqa boundaries be removed to the Duleil and Birein regions and that measures be taken to clean up places considered lacking in sanitary requirements throughout the district. The committee decided to organise spraying insecticides in cooperation with municipal councils and Zarqa Health Department. Icecream and other refreshments will be banned from stores unless their proprietors produce proper licences from the Health Ministry. Moreover special committees will tour refugee camps and various districts to inspect sanitary conditions.

Civil servant jailed for bribery

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian civil servant Samah Ahmad Al Faraya has been fined JD 20 and sentenced to one and a half years hard labour by the military court for demanding and accepting bribes. The amount of money involved in the case has been confiscated. The military governor Sunday endorsed the sentence.

World Bank gives loan to Wadi Seer

AMMAN (J.T.) — Wadi Seer Municipality has received a JD 90,000 loan from the World Bank with a guarantee by the Development Bank for Municipalities and Village Councils, Al Ra'i newspaper reported on Sunday. Al Ra'i quoted Wadi Seer Mayor Hosen Sobor as saying that the loan was allocated for completing the building of the municipality's commercial complex which includes four floors, each with four flats, and ground stores. Mr. Sobor added that Wadi Seer Municipal council has submitted a memorandum to the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment requesting it to fix the rent for the flats and the stores at the complex so that the municipality can rent them.

EEC gives butter oil to refugees

AQABA (Petra) — A consignment of butter oil weighing 90 tonnes arrived at Aqaba recently as a gift from the European Economic Community (EEC) to Palestinian refugees in Jordan. The consignment will be handed over to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), to be used in its relief programmes.

Algerian visitor holds talks at university

AMMAN (Petra) — Director of the Algerian school of commerce Musai Nawa held a meeting Sunday with the dean of the Faculty of Economy and Commerce at the University of Jordan, as well as with the director of cultural relations. During the meeting cultural and scientific cooperation between the university and the Algerian school of commerce was discussed and agreement reached on a preliminary programme for exchanging publications, periodicals and books, as well as a student and lecturer exchange programmes.

U.J. joins poultry feed studies

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan will take part in a drawing up a plan for establishing joint Arab projects to produce poultry feed in the Arabian Gulf States and the Arabian Peninsula. The Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development is supervising the preparation of the plan which is to be drawn up by lecturers at agricultural faculties in Arab universities. Head of the University of Jordan's animal wealth division Shakib Abdal Rahim who is taking part in the project left for Khartoum Sunday to participate in meetings devoted for discussing the plan.

Lord Carrington due to start visit here April 14

AMMAN (J.T.) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington will arrive in Amman on April 14 on a two-day visit to Jordan, a British embassy official said on Sunday.

Lord Carrington will meet with a number of high-ranking officials to discuss the current situation in the region and bilateral relations, the official added.

Swiss official arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — Alain Borner, the Head of the Economy Ministry of the Canton of Geneva in Switzerland, arrived in Amman Sunday for a week-long visit.

During his stay here, Mr. Borner will have talks with officials of the Industry and Trade Ministry on strengthening trade and economic relations between the two countries.

Mr. Borner will also meet several high-ranking officials and will visit several historic and touristic sites. He was met upon arrival at Amman Airport by Industry and Trade Ministry Under-Secretary Mohammad Al Horani.

Jordanians honour social work today

AMMAN (Petra) — A reception to mark Jordan's observance of Social Work Day will be held at the Professional Association Complex in Amman on Monday. The event will be organised under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Basma.

According to Ministry of Social Development Under-Secretary Mohammad Ali Wardam, other celebrations and activities will be held in the country, most important of which will be visiting patients in hospitals, delivering lectures and holding recreational functions at social centres.

In an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Wardam called on people living in rural areas to join voluntary societies and to contribute to social work in their regions.

The reception and other activities on the occasion are organised by the Ministry of Social Development in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies in Jordan.

On the eve of the occasion, Dr. Zaki Ayoubi, member of the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF), spoke about the activities and aims of the QAJWF.

QAJWF aims at developing social work and extending financial and technical assistance to voluntary and charitable societies in the country, has plans for establishing a bank of information and a specialised library on social work, Dr. Ayoubi said in an interview with Petra.

Dr. Ayoubi stressed the importance of social work in all-out development process, and seeks active participation by all able citizens to achieve this goal.

QAJWF has conducted studies for establishing rehabilitation centres for handicapped people and supporting the work of voluntary societies, Dr. Ayoubi said.

QAJWF has drawn up designs for six projects that will be implemented within its current five year plan, he added.

'Jordan and its People' to be subject of photography contest

AMMAN (J.T.) — "Jordan and its People" will be the subject of a photography competition announced by the International Club of Young Diplomats (CYD) Sunday.

A CYD official told the Jordan Times the club will have a meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday at the Ambassador Hotel to discuss the details of the competition.

Entries, he said, must be submitted before May 31 to Mr. Wolfgang Schaefer of the West German embassy here.

The official said the entries will be exhibited at the Ambassador Hotel from June 7, adding that "prizes" will be awarded to the winners.

U.S. pianist performs in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — American pianist Richard Tetley-Kardos challenged both himself and the audience Saturday night in a recital of some of the most difficult works of Schumann, Bach, Chopin and Joseph Wagner. The evening at the Marriott Hotel was sponsored by the Department of Culture and Arts in cooperation with the American Centre, in observance of 1982 as the National Culture Year.

Most of the works were chosen because they represent breakthroughs in the understanding of the piano's potential. As such, they demand consummate skill from the pianist and are seldom performed. Mr. Tetley-Kardos played Schubert's *Impromptu*, Schumann's *Carnaval*, a ballade and two etudes by Chopin, three miniatures by American composer, Joseph Wagner and the *Chaconne*, a Bach transcription by the Italian composer-pianist Ferruccio Busoni. Critics hail Mr. Tetley-Kardos' recording of the *Chaconne* as excellent any other version, including that of the world-famous pianist Arthur Schnabel.

Before he was twenty, Mr. Tetley-Kardos had performed as piano soloist with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra. After debuting in Carnegie Hall, he joined the European circuit, living and playing for several years in Germany and France.

B.A. starts new service

AMMAN (J.T.) — British Airways Saturday operated the first non-stop flight of its summer schedule from Amman to London.

The new flight, operated by wide-bodied Tri-Star aircraft, is part of a new service linking Jordan with Tanzania, the aircraft continuing from Amman to Dar-E-Salam and Kilimanjaro after coming from London.

British Airways also intends, in May, to replace 707 aircraft with Tri-Stars on other flights between London and Amman.

Italian envoys to see Qasem today

By Samira Kavar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Two Italian Foreign Ministry officials will deliver a letter Monday from Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo to Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem.

Mr. Roberto Franceschi, deputy director-general of the Political Department in the Italian Foreign Ministry, and Mr. Paolo Jarofalo, head of the Middle East Department at the ministry, arrived in Jordan on Friday for a three-day visit.

Italian Ambassador to Jordan Marquis Fabrizio Rossi Longhi told the Jordan Times that the visit to Jordan by the Italian officials is a follow-up to Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo's visit last January, and is in implementation of a decision taken then to increase the frequency of contacts between Jordan and Italy.

Mr. Longhi said the Italian officials would exchange views with Jordanian counterparts on issues of mutual concern, and would evaluate the recent developments in the Middle East. Particular attention would be paid to the issue of occupied Jerusalem the Italian ambassador stressed.

Ibrahim, Romanian envoy confer

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim conferred in his office Sunday with visiting Romanian Deputy Foreign Minister Gheorghe Dolgu.

The Romanian envoy, who arrived here for an official visit March 31, reassured his country's support for the Arab Nation's stand on the Middle East problem.

Mr. Ibrahim briefed Mr. Dolgu on the latest developments in the occupied Arab territories and the plight of the Palestinians under Israeli occupation rule. He also spoke about Israel's confiscation of Arab property, its drive to evict the inhabitants, establishment of Jewish settlements and depriving the Palestinians of the right of determining their future on their own homeland.

Mr. Dolgu later Sunday left for Kuwait at the end of his five-day stay here.

Nationwide activities mark Book Week in Culture Year

By Samira Kavar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of Culture and Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar opened at the Muslim Educational College (MEC) Sunday a two-day seminar on books and national documentation to mark the National Book Week and National Culture Year.

In a speech on the occasion, Mr. Abu Nowar outlined the importance of books and means of developing Jordanian libraries with a view to further promoting the country's economic, social and cultural development.

The minister spoke about problems facing writers in publishing their books, citing the high cost of printing and the role of radio and television as "rivals" to books which, eventually, adversely affect writers and their works.

Also addressing the seminar, organised by the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA) was an expert from the British Museum Library.

Dr. Tawfiq Za'ur of the University of Jordan submitted to the seminar at the MEC a paper on information and documentation in which he reviewed the old and new concepts of information and documentation and their basic components.

DLDNA Director-General Ahmad Sharkas made a speech saying the seminar is part of the celebrations marking the National Book Week which Jordan has been observing for the last 10 years. He said the DLDNA has been making efforts to spread awareness and arouse attention of the role of the library and that of

the documentation movement.

Nizar Qasem of Al Mustansiriyah University in Iraq also reviewed the progress of libraries and documentation in the Arab World and made a comparison between educational experiences in both Jordan and Iraq.

Book exhibitions

In Salt, a book exhibition opened Sunday to mark the National Book Week. The week-long exhibition, opened by Balqa Education Department Director Tayseer Arafah, displays scientific and children books.

Also in observance of the occasion, the University of Jordan opened Sunday a week-long exhibition of university theses presented by Jordanian postgraduate students to Arab and foreign universities dealing with sciences, education, history and antiquities. A university spokesman said the University of Jordan, has awarded Master degrees to 337 candidates up to September 1981. At present 584 students are registered for the degree, he said.

In accordance with DLDNA policy to spread its activities outside Amman to other parts of the country, it is also organising two book exhibitions in Ruseifa and Deir 'Alla in the Jordan Valley to celebrate National book week. In Ruseifa, where there is no public library, an exhibition of Jordanian books is being held. About 2,000 books written or published by Jordanians, or books dealing with Jordan will be on show. In addition, old photographs and sam-

ples of archival documents are also on exhibition with a view to promoting the idea of photographs as historical documents.

The exhibition in Deir 'Alla is being held at the Jordan Valley Agricultural Centre and is being jointly sponsored by DLDNA and the Ghor Alumni Club. Dr. Sharkas said that DLDNA is trying to cooperate with institutions such as the Ghor Alumni Club and added that DLDNA was studying plans to open public libraries in both Ruseifa and the Jordan Valley. The exhibition in the Jordan Valley concentrates on children's books and on paintings by children from the Jordan Valley, said Dr. Sharkas. "Quality not quantity" of the material being exhibited was DLDNA's main concern in arranging the Jordan Valley Children's book exhibit, he added. The exhibition was mainly being held to instruct parents and those concerned with educating children in the selection of suitable books at all ages, ranging from the pre-school level till the age of 15 or 16, said Dr. Sharkas.

DLDNA, he said, was trying to divide the development of reading skills for children. Illustrations for children and instructions for parents and adults on handling locally published books for children would be available at the Jordan Valley exhibition, Dr. Sharkas added. The private sector is participating in the Amman, Ruseifa and Deir 'Alla book exhibitions. Dr. Sharkas pointed out. Owners of bookshops have special wings at each of the exhibitions where some of the books on show are being sold at 40 to 50 per cent discounts on the publisher's recommended prices.

Today's weather

Today will bring another drop in temperature with partly cloudy to cloudy weather and scattered rains. The wind will be northwesterly moderate. In the Aqaba Gulf it will be hazy, partly cloudy, with northerly moderate to fresh winds and calm seas.

	Overnight low	Daytime high
Amman	8	18
Aqaba	18	29
Deserts	14	27
Jordan Valley	12	28

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 25, Aqaba 31. Humidity readings: Amman 62 per cent, Aqaba 39 per cent.

German ladies to hold bazaar

AMMAN (J.T.) — The German Ladies of Amman will hold an Easter bazaar Tuesday April 6. The bazaar, which will be held at the residence of the German ambassador to Jordan, will see the sale of home-made cakes, German chocolates and sausages, Easter decorations, and embroidered Palestinian dresses and cushions prepared in refugee camps. Mrs. Munz, wife of the German ambassador, told the Jordan Times that all proceeds will go to the Schneller refugee camp school near Marka.

Jordan 'suitable for translation institute'

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan has voiced support for the choice of Jordan as the venue for a projected Arab institute for translation which the Arab League plans to open in an Arab country. This was stated in a message which the university sent to the Arab League in Tunis. The university said that Jordan is the most suitable site for establishing such an institute in view of the capabilities and facilities available in it, in addition to its unique geographical position in the Arab World.

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OPEC on the defensive

By T.A. Jaber

Less than 10 years ago, the OPEC countries managed to quadruple the price of their oil and to pursue regular increases thereafter. From 1973 to 1980 oil prices increased 10 times and reached \$42 a barrel. Occasionally, oil prices were quoted even higher than that.

OPEC was established in the early 1960s and proved to be the strongest producers' association among developing countries. Its successes over the last 10 years encouraged other developing countries to attempt a change of the colonial international economic order and to articulate a new one. It induced countries exporting the same commodity, such as phosphate, coffee, sugar and many others, to work closely together and coordinate their production and export policies, to improve their terms of trade and enhance their earnings of foreign currency.

OPEC policies caused a dramatic impact on the international economic scene and shocked the industrialized countries. It was the first time they faced a real threat to their control of the world economy. The smooth operation of their industrial setup and daily life in general were endangered. The sharp and sudden rise in oil prices also meant the transfer of

massive resources from these countries to the OPEC members.

However, it now seems that the OPEC countries are facing serious difficulties in maintaining their position and that they are far from having the initiative to improve it.

In less than 10 years they have gone on the defensive. It would be tempting to expect this state of affairs to last during the eighties. If this proves to be the case, oil prices will not rise beyond \$40 a barrel.

It is quite interesting to consider how the Western industrialized countries in such a short time were able to counteract OPEC measures and regain control of the oil market. Many lessons can be drawn from this historic exchange of roles and dominance. It is a living case of great interest to politicians and economists alike. To this end, let us briefly review the main factors which have led to the weakening of the strongest producers' association in the world.

First, the Western industrialized countries were able to minimize their competitiveness in pushing oil prices upward and developed within a few years a well-coordinated stand in the area of energy. Their policies included

tough measures to conserve energy, particularly oil, and considerable efforts towards the development of alternative sources of energy. So far, they have succeeded in both directions albeit in a gradual manner.

Second, world inflation which was experienced concurrently with oil price increases, has blamed on the latter but were at the same time overcompensated by sharp rises in the price of the exports of industrial goods, machinery and technology. A price war was staged between the oil-exporting and the industrialized countries to the detriment of the poor developing countries.

Third, the Western industrialized countries remained the main mechanism for the management and handling of the financial surpluses that resulted from the oil price increases. In other words, OPEC countries, or most of them, were exporting oil beyond the direct needs of their economic development. Their absorptive capacity was too limited to cater for the resulting surplus funds. Hence, the decision of major OPEC countries to produce a volume larger than their financial requirements carried with it an intrinsic contradiction which, at one point,

helped to weaken OPEC as an organization.

Fourth, the sky-rocketing oil prices made many oil fields economically feasible. Oil exploration was given a premium. New and important discoveries were made and there were added to the supply of OPEC countries quantities from Mexico, the North Sea, etc.

Fifth, regional conflicts involving certain OPEC members have channelled resources, financial and other, to military build-ups and actual fighting. The increased intensity of the Arab-Israeli conflict, particularly in Lebanon, the Iran-Iraq war, the fighting in the Western Sahara and in Chad are the major conflicts involving most of the OPEC countries. The on-going Iran-Iraq war has been the most devastating blow to the unified stand of the OPEC countries which consumed their financial, military and human resources.

There are of course other factors such as the recession which the Western countries are experiencing. The main challenge to the OPEC countries however, continues to be their ability to set their house in order and defend their interests more skillfully and with far-sightedness.

China remains wary of Soviet approaches

By John Morrison

Reuter

MOSCOW — Peking's cool response to President Leonid Brezhnev's offer of improved relations is unlikely to kill Moscow's hopes that one day China will nibble the bait.

Mr. Brezhnev's offer last Wednesday involved no fundamental shift in the Soviet line towards China, which has always emphasised Moscow's readiness to mend fences without preconditions. But several aspects of Mr. Brezhnev's remarks have sparked considerable interest among foreign embassies here and even speculation that the beginning of the end of two decades of Sino-Soviet conflict may be in sight.

Relations between Moscow and Peking, allies in the 1950s, deteriorated slowly over a decade to a low in 1969 when their troops clashed on the frontier.

No surprises expected

Diplomats here believe any Sino-Soviet rapprochement will probably come about at the same glacial speed, and no dramatic surprises comparable to President Nixon's 1972 Peking visit can be expected.

The original causes of the Sino-Soviet rift, now half-forgotten, were ideological. It was followed by a mainly artificial border dispute, which was more of a symptom of worsening relations than their cause.

Now the ideological invective and the border dispute have lost much of their bitterness, giving way to a traditional geo-political struggle for dominance in Asia.

The timing of Mr. Brezhnev's offer to China, both western and Chinese sources here agree, was prompted by a desire to take advantage of current strains between Peking and Washington over Taiwan.

In 1979, China proposed talks on improving relations, dropping its previous demand that the Soviet Union should pull back its troops along the frontier. The talks were held in Moscow in Autumn, 1979, and never went beyond the exploratory stage. Then came the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, and China said further meetings would be inappropriate.

Now Mr. Brezhnev has made what one western diplomat here described as "the best Soviet offer to China since 1969" — the year of the border clashes and the subsequent meeting in Peking of Prime Ministers Chou-En-Lai and Alexei Kosygin. With one sentence, he answered a key ideological question over which Soviet sinologists have been arguing since Mao's death — is China still a socialist country?

The Soviet Union, Mr. Brezhnev said, had never denied the existence of a socialist system in China. It was a statement clearly signalling a turnaround in ideological polemics.

Peaceful existence

His statement implied the Kremlin was raising its sights from an earlier goal of establishing relations with China on the basis of

"peaceful coexistence." Peaceful coexistence in the Communist vocabulary applies between states with different social systems rather than the same.

Mr. Brezhnev seemed to be saying the fact of a common social system outweighed foreign policy differences between Peking and Moscow, and might even one day open the way to restoration of ties not just between governments, but between their ruling Communist Parties. Diplomats said he also made what could turn out to be a key face-saving concession to the Chinese in his appeal to resume border talks adjourned since 1978. For the first time, he said Moscow was ready to discuss possible measures to strengthen mutual trust in the area of the Soviet-Chinese frontier.

He did not elaborate. But diplomats said he appeared to be taking at least a small step towards China's long-standing demand for a troop withdrawal along the border. Mr. Brezhnev's clearest hint of how Moscow would like things to develop was his suggestion that concrete steps could be taken to improve relations in the economic, scientific, cultural and political fields.

Low level contacts

Low-level contacts of the kind which would have been unthinkable a few years ago have in fact already taken place, including the participation of a Chinese team in last year's world gymnastics competition in Moscow.

Three Chinese economists are now visiting the Soviet Union on a study tour. Chinese officials say such trips have no political significance, but further exchanges are possible.

Cool response

China's response so far to Mr. Brezhnev has been cool but far from outright rejection. A Chinese foreign ministry spokesman said Peking rejected Mr. Brezhnev's attacks on China — which were by past standards exceptionally brief and mild.

"In Sino-Soviet relations and international affairs, what we attach importance to are the actual deeds of the Soviet Union," he said.

Diplomats here said the Chinese reply avoided spelling out any preconditions which Moscow would have to fulfil for improved relations, such as withdrawal from Afghanistan. They said the phrase "actual deeds" could be read as an invitation to Mr. Brezhnev to follow up his speech with some practical concession to China. One western diplomat, who speculated on these lines, said his colleagues in Peking probably took a less positive view of the Chinese statement.

Any Sino-Soviet rapprochement is likely to be slow and painful, but both powers are acutely aware that their poor relations serve the interests of neither.

Moscow, facing the threat of a renewed war in the arms race with the United States, would be well served by reduced tension on its Eastern border with China.

The universal principle

THE ARGENTINIAN military occupation of the Falkland Islands may not directly affect any of us here in the Middle East, and therefore one's initial reaction to the drama in the south Atlantic is to write it off as a strange vestige of a faraway colonial era. But that is the wrong reaction, and there are probably elements in the Falkland Islands saga that should interest us in the Arab World. The cardinal principle that we Arabs have fought for and continue to emphasise is that of the right of all people to national self-determination. We are engaged in a violent struggle against the forces of political Zionism over the right of the people of Palestine to self-determination. The alliance of the United States and Israel threatens every day to transform the Arab-Israeli struggle into an Arab-American one as well. The disputed principle in Palestine is the same as the disputed principle in the Falkland Islands — the ability of a self-contained and homogeneous group of people to determine their political status and national allegiance in freedom.

We have always maintained that the principle of self-determination is matched in importance only by the acceptance of the universality and indivisibility of that principle. We feel it is important today for the Arabs to emphasise that while we may not be affected directly by the events in the Falkland Islands, we are very much concerned about the illegality of the Argentinian invasion, and we hope that all those concerned would implement United Nations calls for a peaceful settlement of the dispute, based on the universal principle of the self-determination of all people.

American morality

AL RA'I: The U.S. veto has aborted the Jordanian draft resolution calling on the United Nations Security Council to denounce the arbitrary Israeli measures against a number of municipal councils in the West Bank and to ask Israel to rescind these measures.

The U.S. veto this time comes as a new development in the United States' policy of supporting Israeli acts of aggression because in the past the United States used to veto any resolution calling for the imposition of punitive sanctions against Israel.

Now the United States is using the veto to protect Israel even against any kind of condemnation and to prevent the Security Council from asking Israel to abrogate its arbitrary measures and inhuman practices against Arab municipal councils.

It is clear that this U.S. veto will encourage Israel to escalate its acts of repression and its crimes in the occupied Arab lands. This veto also betrays U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig's prevarications alleging that Jordan had a hand in inciting turbulence in the West Bank. Mr. Haig has proved that Israel has been carrying these acts of repression against Arab citizens and Municipal Councils because it has been assured of the U.S. veto.

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Hopefully Mr. Haig will remember that the Israeli crimes which he has blessed with his veto have claimed the lives of unarmed and innocent people who were "guilty" of adhering to the Palestinian identity of the land on which they live.

The irony is that while the United States alleges that it defends human rights in Poland, where the issue is a purely domestic question, it supports and uses its veto to encourage the Zionist aggressors to violate human rights, persecute and murder innocent human beings in the occupied Arab territories.

The Jordanian draft resolution has not been defeated in the moral sense of the word. The U.S. veto has only served to denounce Haig's allegations on the reasons behind the popular uprising in the West Bank.

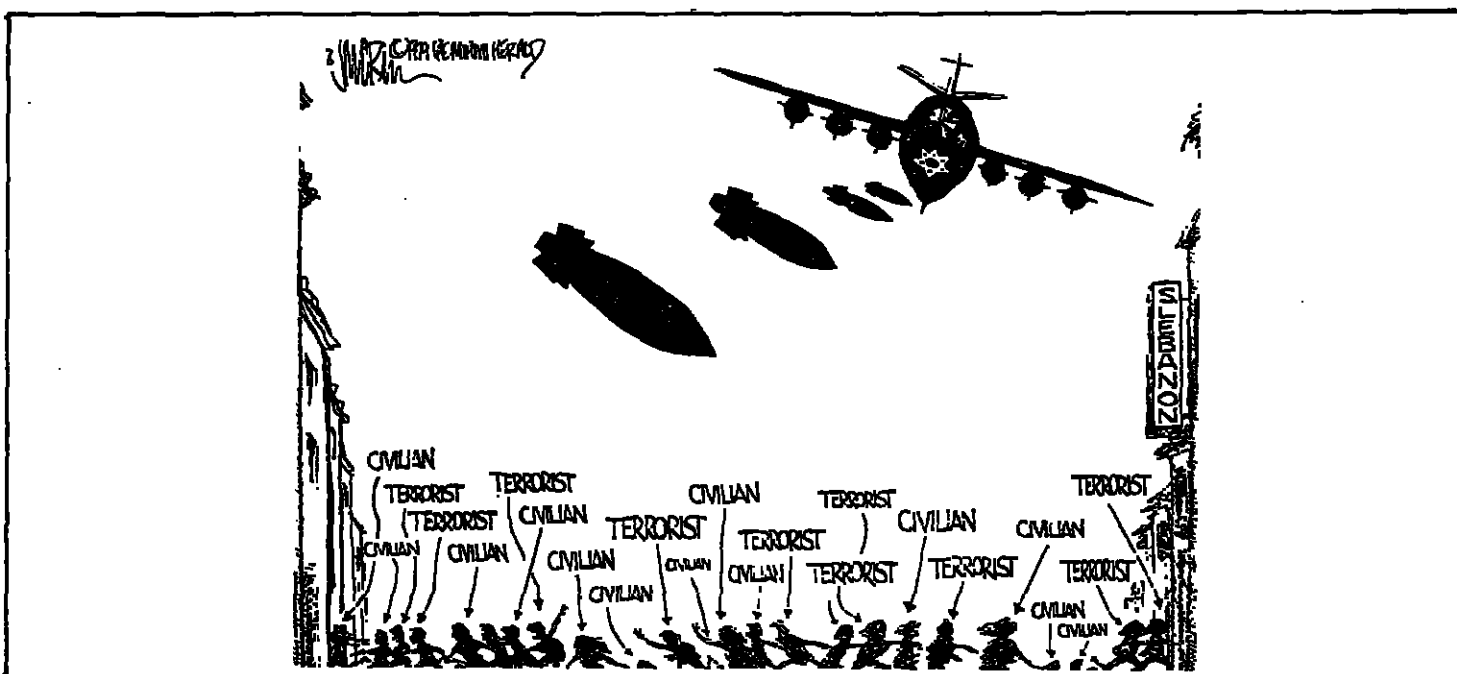
Their blood cries out

AL DUSTOUR: The United States has once again vetoed an Arab draft resolution, submitted by Jordan to the United Nations Sec-

urity Council, calling on Israel to rescind its arbitrary measures against three municipal councils in the West Bank. And once again the United States emerges as a supporter for all the Israeli measures and aggression against the Arab Nation.

We ask: Where will this whirlpool take us? Shall we repeat ourselves by attacking the U.S. policy for a week or so and then call for a United Nations General Assembly session to adopt a fruitless recommendation? Should we not understand the lesson we should have absorbed years ago?

The United Nations Security Council has adopted countless resolutions on the Palestinian issue and the Israeli aggression. This recurrent discussion of the issue in the various U.N. organs has exposed the nature of the racist Zionist aggression on our lands and our people and, by now, all the world should have understood our rights. Despite this, the Israeli aggression is escalating day by day reaching Arab countries which were considered a long distance from the conflict. The only thing that has remained firm and unchangeable is the complete U.S. support for Israel against the Arab Nation. The United States has been steadily supporting Israel and providing it with military and financial aid enabling it to continue its aggression on the region.



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د. كمال العبدالله

Timing of the trip causes uneasiness in White House

Reagan to visit Caribbean with \$350m aid package

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (R) — President Reagan flies into this holiday island next Thursday to discuss Washington's plans for helping a group of poor Caribbean nations overcome their economic difficulties.

Mr. Reagan's talks with Caribbean leaders will focus on a scheme being considered by Congress to provide an extra \$350 million in aid this year and trade concessions to bolster struggling Caribbean and Central American economies. Foreign ministers of the 12-nation English-speaking Caribbean Community (Caricom) assured Mr. Reagan of a warm welcome when they gave him a package of a qualified vote of confidence at a meeting in Belize last week. But a small group of Barbadian organisations intends to stage a one-hour picket outside the U.S. embassy on Saturday to protest against the president's unfriendly attitude towards Nicaragua and Grenada and his support for what they consider a repressive regime in El Salvador. On Wednesday, President Reagan will stop over in Jamaica on his way here, and he will leave Barbados on April 11. The timing of the trip has caused uneasiness among White House staff, who felt the American public might resent the president basking in the sun while Congress wrestles with his budget proposals for more cuts in social services at a time of high unemployment. But the concerns here are about the stress the visit will place on a 1,000-strong police force, and the traffic congestion every time the president and his entourage of 300 goes for a drive along the island's narrow roads. President Reagan's trip to this former British colony has been billed as a reassurance to the Caribbean that Washington still has its interests at heart. The need for a recommitment followed what Washington said was an acceleration of Cuban and Soviet destabilisation in the Caribbean and Latin America. President Reagan, in an address to the Organisation of American States (OAS) spelling out the aid programme, described Cuba and Grenada as threats to freedom in the Caribbean. Grenada's Prime Minister, Maurice Bishop, who seized

Oteiba warns oil companies against pressure on Nigeria

ABU DHABI (R) — OPEC is ready for immediate emergency talks if oil companies try to force Nigeria to cut its price. OPEC President Mana Said Al Oteiba said Sunday. But Dr. Oteiba added that the firms had responded positively to the threat of sanctions and oil analysts in the Gulf said his comments appeared to indicate OPEC—the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries—was backing off an immediate confrontation with the companies. Oil companies say Nigeria, the weak link in the 13-nation organisation is charging too much for its crude. OPEC ministers, worried that a Nigerian price cut would wreck OPEC's price structure, have warned the companies that OPEC would blacklist firms pressing Lagos to reduce its tariff of \$35.50 a barrel. Dr. Oteiba, the United Arab Emirates oil minister, told reporters: "If it is confirmed that oil companies or any other side have taken measures against any member country to force it to reduce its prices by refusing to execute a contract, at that time we will hold an emergency meeting immediately." But he added: "As far as I know, all the companies had a positive response towards Nigeria." Dr. Oteiba accused major oil companies of playing a political role in fighting OPEC by putting pressure on its prices. "Their position with Nigeria is a good example of this. We will continue to support Nigeria to sell its quota set in Vienna." Nigeria was allocated an output ceiling of 1.3 million barrels per day (b/d) when OPEC ministers set an overall limit of 18 million b/d at crisis talks in Vienna last month on defending prices in the current world market glut. But oil industry sources have estimated its output has slumped as low as 550,000 bpd since the March 19 and 20 talks as buyers who wanted a price cut walked away.

Japanese train cars on American tracks

By Michael Wise
Reuter

NEW YORK — Like so many other things in the United States, New York's subway trains will soon bear the stamp "Made in Japan" despite protests that American jobs will be lost.

The city's Metropolitan Transport Authority (MTA), which operates America's largest underground rail system, has decided to buy 325 train cars for \$271.4 million from Japan's Kawasaki Heavy Industries in a deal that has stirred up a political controversy. Politicians are complaining that it will send American jobs to Japan at a time when Japan is running an \$18 billion trade surplus with the United States. The contract was signed this month after a year of talks with Kawasaki and other foreign concerns which eventually lost out —

no reluctance to buy American-built subway cars despite the poor performance of 754 cars bought from Pullman between 1975 and 1978. The Pullman cars proved to have defective undercarriages. But the promise of subsidised financing help from the Japanese Export-Import Bank proved too strong a lure for Budd to match. "We were heartened by the willingness of a foreign manufacturer and a foreign government to extend us credit," was how Richard Ravitch, the chairman of the Transport Authority, explained it. The credit terms mean that New York will pay only 12.25 per cent interest, much less than it would if it borrowed in the United States, the authority said. Kawasaki-made cars similar to those ordered by the authority had been sold earlier to another U.S. customer, Philadelphia's transit system. Officials there said that tests showed they were fast, safe and efficient. A Philadelphia engineer said noise has been a problem, but said it could be corrected. High unemployment in the United States has fuelled criticism of the deal. "I don't think there were enough negotiations," complained Samuel Horowitz, chairman of the transport committee of the New York City council. "The performance of the MTA in ordering merchandise has been very, very poor," he said. "If they are going to buy from a foreign company on the other side of the world, you're not going to be able to check it out that closely." He noted it would be easier for engineers to travel to Budd factories in Michigan than to Japan to inspect the cars as they are built. Mr. Horowitz and other city council members opposed the Kawasaki contract, but transport authority purchases are not subject to their approval. Also, since there was no federal government money involved in the deal, federal "buy America" provisions requiring the use of American suppliers did not apply. The transit authority has strongly defended the contract. "We believe the deal with Kawasaki represents to the public of New York the best opportunity," Mr. Ravitch said. He argued that 43 per cent of the equipment in the new cars would be built in the United States. To complete a renewal of its subway fleet, the Transit Authority plans to spend \$1.4 billion on 1,051 new cars over the next five years in addition to the 325 from Kawasaki. Asked if there would be any effort to select the American supplier for the new orders, a spokesman for the authority said its responsibility "is to purchase the highest quality car at the best possible price."

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SPORTS

Borg qualifies for Monte Carlo

MONTE CARLO (R) — Bjorn Borg survived the toughest test of his comeback when he beat Peruvian Davis Cup player Fabio Araya 6-3, 6-1 Sunday to qualify for the Monte Carlo Grand Prix. Watched a crowd of about 2,500, including Prince Albert, Borg was kept on court for 70 minutes by a player with a similar style to his own, and the scoreline did not reflect the quality of Araya's play. But Borg, forced to qualify for all major tournaments following his refusal to take part in a minimum of 10 Grand Prix events, showed his old talents have not deserted him after a five-month lay-off.

Unlike his previous two matches in the qualifying rounds, Borg was stretched by Araya and it inspired him to produce some of his best tennis to date.

Borg, who admitted earlier in the week that he still had some work to do on his serve, served just three double faults and there was a greater degree of confidence in his overall play.

Borg, five-time winner of the Wimbledon title and champion of France on six occasions, now goes into the full draw.

The field includes Masters champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, Argentine stars Jose Luis Clerc and Guillermo Vilas, Romanian veteran Ilie Nastase and Raul Ramirez of Mexico.

After his victory, Borg said he was happy with the result and the way the match went.

"I played the crucial points well, and that's important. I always play the man, not the ball, and to do that you need the killer instinct. I really have the killer instinct now," he warned.

Lendl triumphs in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT (A.P.) — Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia Sunday took just 62 minutes to trounce Australian Peter McNamara 6-2, 6-2 and walk off with the \$50,000 top prize in a \$250,000 Grand Prix tennis tournament.

The win was Lendl's seventh in eight tournaments so far this year and his 60th victory of 61 matches played since last September.

The 22-year-old Prague resident, whose wins include beating John McEnroe in the Masters tournament in New York, played top tennis to overwhelm McNamara.

"Everything went my way today," Lendl told reporters.

McNamara played a disappointing match, failing to use his strength at the net and instead hanging back on the baseline for long rallies nearly always won by Lendl.

"I haven't played this badly in a long time," McNamara said after the match, which earned him the \$25,000 second prize.

"But then you can't do anything against a Lendl in this form."

In the men's doubles final, American Steve Denton and Australian Mark Edmondson defeated the all-American duo of Tony Giammalva and Tim Mayotte 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.

The victors, like Lendl, had to battle hard in a tough first set, which went against them 4-7 in the tiebreak.

Giammalva and Mayotte were increasingly weak in the second and third sets, paving the way for an easy win by Denton and Edmondson.

Kuwait on right track for World Cup

ABU DHABI (R) — World Cup finalists Kuwait won the sixth Gulf Soccer Tournament Sunday despite losing 2-1 to Qatar in their final match.

Kuwait, who meet England, France and Czechoslovakia in Group Four in Spain, won the trophy for the fifth time.

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Kuwait	5	4	0	1	8	2	8
Bahrain	5	3	1	1	10	7	7
UAE	5	3	0	2	7	6	6
Saudi Arabia	5	2	1	2	6	4	5
Qatar	5	2	0	3	5	4	4
Oman	5	0	0	5	2	15	0

Standings

Austerity measures diminish El Salvador World Cup hopes

SAN SALVADOR (R) — El Salvador's already slim hopes of success in the World Soccer Cup finals in Spain have been further reduced by the government's austerity measures.

Lack of cash has meant that the El Salvadorian squad for the finals has been cut back from 32 to 18.

And team officials said Sunday that there was no money in the kitty to finance warm-up international matches either at home or abroad.

Morale among members of the squad is understood to be low and Salvadorian sports writers have

written them off as qualifiers for Group Three.

Their formidable opponents in this first section of the tournament in June are Argentina, Belgium and Hungary.

Since beating Romania 2-1 in a friendly in San Salvador in February, El Salvador have lost three matches against club sides in Argentina and Peru.

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IOC yet to decide on professional players' entry in Olympic tennis

MANILA (R) — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch said Sunday they had not decided whether professional tennis players could participate in the 1988 Olympic Games.

Tennis, which withdrew from the games in 1924, and table tennis are included in the Olympics scheduled to be held in Seoul, South Korea, in six years time.

Samaranch told a news conference that the policy of the Olympic Committee was to bar "real professional athletes" from participating in the games. He defined them as those signing professional contracts to play, unlike players receiving subsidies from national sports federations.

When asked whether tennis professional such as Sweden's Bjorn Borg or American John McEnroe could join in the games, he said the IOC had not made up their mind.

"I have to recognise that we don't know where we can draw the line at this moment," he said and added the IOC were discussing the issue.

Samaranch also reiterated the IOC stand that the International Softball Federation, sponsor of the Women's World Championships to be hosted by Taiwan in July, is an autonomous body which can only fall within the committee's programme if they follow IOC rules.

Samaranch was referring to the federation's vote allowing Taiwan

to use their national flag and anthem in the softball games. China earlier indicated they would send athletes if Taiwan dropped their demand.

He said that under IOC rules, Taiwan could take part in the Olympic competitions if they used the flag and the name "Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee".

He said he met Don Porter, Secretary General of the International Softball Federation, in Hong Kong and would be willing to meet him again in Taiwan.

He said the IOC would be ready to mediate in a bid to solve problems that might crop up in the 13th South-East Asian Games set for Singapore next year.

Tokashiki retains WBA title

SENDAI, Japan (R) — Katsuo Tokashiki of Japan came from behind to punch out a majority points win over Lupe Madera of Mexico and retain his World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight title Sunday.

There were no knockdowns in the 15-round clash but the 21-year-old champion suffered a slight cut over his right eye in the closely-fought bout.

South African referee Stanley Christodolou and Judge Eva Shain of the United States scored the bout in favour of Tokashiki 145-143 and 144-141 respectively, while judge Rodolfo Hill of Panama had Madera ahead 146-142.

Madera, 29, fighting aggressively from the second round, outpunched the champion with left and right blows to the head and body in the early rounds.

But Tokashiki, making his first defence of the title wrested from Kim Hwan-Jin of South Korea last December, hit back to get the verdict.

Madera said: "I want another chance. His (Tokashiki) punches did not hurt me."

Former world flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai of Japan, who was a ringside television commentator, said he thought Tokashiki lost the fight. "I feel sorry for Madera," he said.

Tokashiki, apparently affected by Madera's body blows, lacked speed in his left jabs and combination punches. But the champion thrilled the crowd of 8,000 as he started to trade blows with Madera from about the seventh round.

Tokashiki said: "It was a difficult fight. But I believe I won because I landed some good uppercut blows. Anyway I'm happy."

Madera's manager, Eric Bermon, said: "It was a good fight. I have nothing to say about the decision, but I think Madera won by two points."

It was Tokashiki's 15th win against one defeat and one draw, while Madera suffered his 11th defeat. He has 33 wins and one draw.

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The 'Iron Rooster' is no Orient Express

Long way from first class to second on Chinese trains

By Lin Heng Shing
The Associated Press

DANTON, China — In a nation that claims to have no class distinctions, few things are more rigidly classified and class conscious than travel by Chinese train, known to the peasant as the "Iron Rooster."

Although it runs from the world's biggest city of Shanghai to the remote village of Lhasa, it is a different kind of Orient Express, one without champagne, caviar and gentility. In fact, Chinese trains — mostly modern steam locomotives — are known for their heavy poodles and proletarian party, when millions of Red Guards rode free to "make revolution."

First class accommodations and all other classes were abolished in those chaotic days of the mid-1960s and the trains didn't run on time. "Better to be late for the revolution than on time for the bourgeoisie," chanted the young Maoists.

Today timetables and class have been restored. One's seat on the train is one's place in society. First class, "soft sleeper," is for the richest, the most powerful, army brass and party cadres. It is obligatory for foreigners. They are sealed in a four-person compartment with white lace curtains and snowy coverlets.

It is luxurious by Chinese standards. Privacy is one of the greatest luxuries. First class passengers also can turn off the loudspeakers that assault the rest of the passengers with orders to "Serve socialism," "Work for the four modernisations" and "Don't spit."

It is a big leap from first to second class, or "hard sleeper." The open car contains row on row of three-tiered beds with thin mattresses. It is mostly for professionals, factory foremen or cadres on a business trip.

Third class, "hard seat," consists of pews of wooden seats, six a seat, and takes up most of the train. It is for the peasants, the masses.

They clamber aboard with their pigs and ducks for market, fireworks for the new year and sunflower seeds. They chew them and spit the husks on the floor.

Since trucks usually are overbooked, there's a fourth class that is forced to stand in the crush and din of third class.

The fares reflect the differences. For example, first class fare from Peking to Harbin, an 18-hour trip, is 137 yuan (\$76.55) for foreigners and 68.95 yuan (\$38.30) for Chinese. Second class is 36.10 yuan (\$20) and third class is 20.30 yuan (\$11.27).

Massive network

The railway network covers 52,000 kilometres, the equivalent of three round trips from Peking to Lisbon. It still is seriously inadequate for a nation that is modernising and carrying more freight and more passengers.

The network links with the Soviet trans-Siberian in the northeast and crosses the tropical island of Hainan in the southeast. Tibet link every province, except Tibet, the "Roof of the World," but tracks are being built to get there.

For most of China's one billion people, trains are the major form of long distance transportation. The 1980 statistics, the most recent, show 19 million passenger miles and 1.8 billion tons of freight.

Seventy per cent of China's trains are powered by steam because the country has abundant coal. About 20 per cent use diesel fuel and the rest are electric trains used mostly in western Sichuan Province.

A walk through a typical green passenger train provides a glimpse of the "class-less society." Boarding at the back of the train, one enters the hard seat section. It's raucous, dirty, crowded and the passengers are poor.

Canvas sacks, bedrolls and heavy jackets lined with animal skins are stuffed in overhead racks.

They play cards, chatter, sip tea from jars. At midmorning an attendant screams *cayafafan* — rice covered with pork fat and cabbage in a tin box.

The passengers respond with gusto, dig into grimy pockets for soiled notes, buy their coupon and wait for their hot lunch box. It costs 30 fen (18 U.S. cents).

At the end of the car is the unisex latrine, a hole in the floor of a tiny room emitting a strong smell. A long line waits outside.

Second class section is quieter, more subdued. Army men read magazines, young professionals study textbooks or read novels, women knit, youths play with puzzle cubes. They take their food along, but nobody takes their chickens.

First class is even more remote and cushioned. Senior army men and civilian officials smoke Phoenix brand or foreign cigarettes and young women attendants frequently bring hot kettles to fill their teacups.

They speak freely about politics sometime, chat about their acquisitions or how some fortunate colleague has an unusual "back door" — an under-the-table relationship for personal gain.

In the soft sleeper, love also blooms. Sometimes platonically. Zhang Bin, 29, is traveling with his bride of two years, Su Bei, 24. This is their honeymoon. His father is the director of a factory in Manchuria and paid for their trip by train.

"He was afraid of being criticised if we had a big, bourgeois wedding banquet," Mr. Zhang said.

Although they have been registered as married for two years, Mr. Zhang said, by tradition they cannot live together or do much more than hold hands.

"In China, we need the ritual first," Mr. Zhang said. The train trip takes the place of a banquet.



The leader of the India expedition to Antarctica, Dr. S.Z. Qasim (second from right), briefs team members.

India launches ambitious Antarctica expedition

INDIA has launched its boldest and first scientific expedition to Antarctica. A team of 20 scientists left the Western Indian port of Goa on Dec. 6 for the coldest continent on board the Polar Circle, a 600-tonne ship chartered from Norway. The cruise to Antarctica and back will last 80 days including the 15 days the team hopes to spend on the ice-capped continent doing experiments. If the mission succeeds, India will become the third developing nation after Chile and Argentina to reach Antarctica and will be ahead of China which is planning to send its first expedition early next year.

The expedition is led by Dr. S.Z. Qasim, secretary to the department of environment and former director of the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO) in Goa. Earlier this year, he had led an expedition to the Indian Ocean in the NIO vessel Gageshni and returned with samples of magnetite nodules dredged from the seabed 1000 kilometres off the Indian coast. The 20 million rupee (\$2.3 million) expedition is one of the major projects of the Department

of Ocean Development that was created four months ago. The expedition team consists of scientists including NID, the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism in Bombay, Indian Meteorological Department and Geological Survey of India. The team also includes two Norwegian scientists to assist in the operation of specialised equipment bought from Norway.

The ship carries two helicopters for landing and emergency transport. Besides collecting oceanographic and weather data, the expedition team will look for samples containing evidence that India was part of Antarctica before it broke away from it some 100 million years ago. During the cruise, the ship will survey the seabed for minerals and maganese nodules.

Antarctica is administered by 12 nations under a 20-year-old treaty that froze territorial claims, banned military activity and established a regime of free and open scientific cooperation.

(Photo courtesy: Embassy of India)

When sun is sultry, beware of skin cancer

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida (R) — Too much sunlight not only causes skin cancer, it hinders the body's attempts to kill the disease off once it starts, according to a scientist with the U.S. National Cancer Institute.

Immunologist Margaret Kripke told a science writers' conference that the ultraviolet light which produces a suntan and helps cause skin cancer, also suppresses the

body's immune system, inhibiting its ability to kill tumours naturally. She said her results provided strong evidence that the body's immune system, which fights off assaults by bacteria and viruses, was also responsible for keeping sunlight-damaged cells from turning into tumours.

But once the ultraviolet radiation damaged the immune system, the cancer began to grow unchecked, she added.

She was speaking at the 24th annual science writers' seminar,

sponsored this week by the American Cancer Society.

Another scientist at the meeting, biologist Robert Weinberg, said researchers had new evidence on the process in which one tiny part of a cell turns the whole unit cancerous.

Only one of the million segments of DNA — the "master-molecule" — which programmes growth — in a cell is responsible for turning it into a wildly-diving cancer cell, new studies were showing.

No go to 'go-go girls'

BERNE (R) — The Swiss cabinet has decided to crack down on foreign "go-go girls" — women coming here on artists' visas to work in cabarets, massage parlours and sex shops.

From May 1 the girls will have to apply for normal work permits and their employers will have to provide travel costs, regular wages and suitable lodging.

Until now they have entered Switzerland under the less stringent visa rules applied to musicians, painters and circus performers.

But about one-quarter of all foreigners receiving visas have turned out to be go-go girls.

Swiss Television focused on the girls in documentary films last year and accused cabaret owners of recruiting young Filipino women for work which turned out to be stripping in nightclubs.

The practice caused such an uproar that the Swiss ambassador in Manila asked Bern to issue any more visas to the young women until their work conditions were investigated.

THE BETTER HALF. By Vinson

"Maybe YOU should throw out the pipe... YOU have all that experience with TV dinners."

Peanuts

Mutt 'n' Jeff

Andy Capp

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YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A fine day and evening for you to put in motion a course of action that has much appeal and by which you can gain important headway and advancement in your career.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You can find better ways of handling your responsibilities now and have less worries. Don't take any risks with money.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Good day to cement better relations with associates and thereby accomplish more in the future. Be more optimistic.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) If you persevere with work at hand you can accomplish a great deal now. Avoid a situation that could lead to trouble.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Be sure to use utmost care in travel at this time and avoid possible accident. Steer clear of a troublemaker.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You can easily add to the beauty and comfort of your home now by making some changes. Strive to be more successful.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Go after the data you need so that you can better carry through with a plan of action you have in mind. Maintain your poise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your financial status and plan how to improve it. Any repairs that need to be done to property should be started now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make plans to gain your personal aims. Look to a higher power for the backing you need in order to advance in career matters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) It is important that you concentrate on becoming more productive and forget all that is behind you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Fine day for getting together with your friends since they can assist you in gaining your personal goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study how to have a more brilliant career by using more modern methods. Avoid one who is hypocritical.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You must start working immediately on a new plan if you are to gain the right benefits from it. Be logical.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will be able to formulate a plan and carry through with its completion, so be sure to give as fine an academic education as you can for best results. There are many fine talents here that can bring much success.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword By N.E. Campbell

ACROSS	33 Track deals	57 African- Arabian	22 — la-la
1 Spanish painter	34 — blanche	24 Buzz	26 Group of eight
5 Included with	36 Gumbo	61 Roberts of Tulsa	27 Something ridiculous
10 Iowa city	37 Three, in Capri	62 Remember	28 Donnybrook
14 Sacred image	38 Upperclassman	64 African country	29 Slaton performer
15 Escapade	41 Under the weather	65 Pretend	31 Moon valley
16 Rail bird	42 High cards	66 Seaweed	32 Store specials
17 Free	44 Desideratum	67 Large-mouthed jar	35 Cowboy exhibition
19 Small scissors	45 White	68 Upright	36 Store
20 Dwell	46 Poplar	69 Average	39 Furniture piece
21 Laws	49 Puts back		40 Cotton cloth
23 German league	51 American playwright		43 Missouri city
25 Ice cream	53 Unwrap		46 Fabled sari
26 Policemen	54 Desert trains		48 Western state: abbr.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

ACROSS: 1. Spanish painter: Velazquez; 5. Included with: plus; 10. Iowa city: Des Moines; 14. Sacred image: idol; 15. Escapade: frolic; 16. Rail bird: quail; 17. Free: gratis; 19. Small scissors: clippers; 20. Dwell: abode; 21. Laws: statutes; 23. German league: Bundesliga; 25. Ice cream: sherbet; 26. Policemen: cops; 33. Track deals: tracks; 34. — blanche: blanc; 36. Gumbo: gumbo; 37. Three, in Capri: three; 38. Upperclassman: prep; 41. Under the weather: seasick; 42. High cards: high; 44. Desideratum: want; 45. White: white; 46. Poplar: poplar; 49. Puts back: puts; 51. American playwright: Twain; 53. Unwrap: unwrap; 54. Desert trains: trains; 57. African- Arabian: Arabian; 61. Roberts of Tulsa: Tulsa; 62. Remember: remember; 64. African country: Africa; 65. Pretend: pretend; 66. Seaweed: seaweed; 67. Large-mouthed jar: jar; 68. Upright: upright; 69. Average: average.

DOWN: 2. — la-la: la-la; 24. Buzz: buzz; 26. Group of eight: octet; 27. Something ridiculous: ridiculous; 28. Donnybrook: donnybrook; 29. Slaton performer: Slaton; 31. Moon valley: Moon; 32. Store specials: specials; 35. Cowboy exhibition: cowboy; 36. Store: store; 39. Furniture piece: piece; 40. Cotton cloth: cotton; 43. Missouri city: Missouri; 46. Fabled sari: sari; 48. Western state: abbr.: WY; 50. Run at full speed: full; 52. Show scorn: scorn; 54. Perry the singer: Perry; 55. Russian sea: Russian; 58. Clut: clut; 59. Locomotive driver: driver; 60. Father of Seth: Seth; 63. Fabulous bird: phoenix; 68. Brings out: brings.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN
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Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K5 ♡AJ106 ♠AQ8 ♠A873
The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Dble
Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK954 ♡KJ82 ♠K85 ♠7
The bidding has proceeded:
1 ♠ Pass 1 NT Dble
Pass 2 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

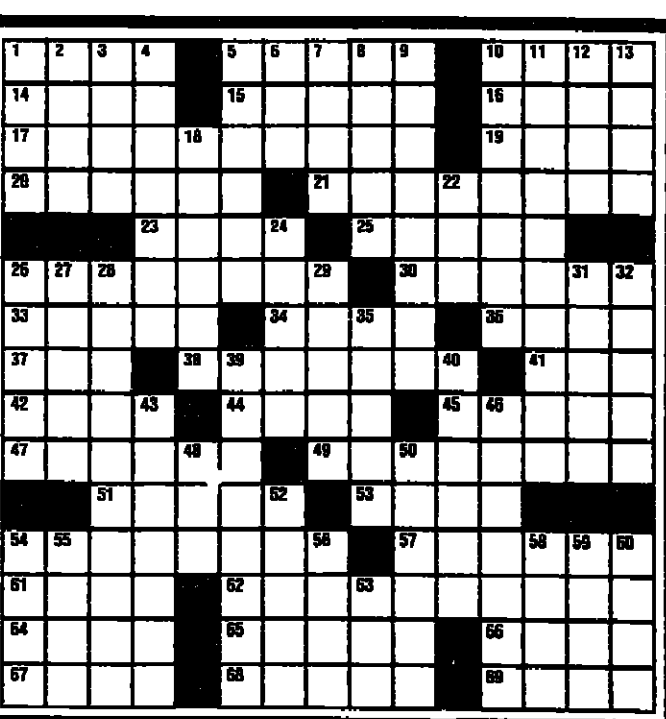
Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠4 ♡AQ984 ♠103 ♠KJ762
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

3 ♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠J5 ♡AQ ♠AQJ9873 ♠AQ
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ 4 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠5 ♡J98542 ♠1073 ♠Q76
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
3 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠764 ♡93 ♠KQ109763 ♠5
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
3 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass ?
What action do you take?



WORLD

Gromyko arrives for Belgrade talks

BELGRADE (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived here Sunday for a two-day official visit which will include talks with Yugoslav Communist leaders on major international issues and bilateral ties.

Mr. Gromyko, the first top-ranking Soviet leader to visit non-aligned Yugoslavia since the death of President Josip Broz Tito in May 1980, was welcomed at the Belgrade airport by Yugoslav Foreign Minister Josip Vrhovec.

Yugoslav leaders are expected to underline their independent line in international and domestic policies as well as within the world Communist movement during the talks, officials said.

Differences between Moscow and Belgrade on issues such as Indochina, Afghanistan, Poland and ideological disputes in the international Communist movement would come up during the talks, but neither side wanted to bring these into the open, they said.

This approach was reflected in brief airport statements by Mr. Gromyko and Mr. Vrhovec.

Mr. Gromyko said Soviet-Yugoslav relations were good, but that since he had not been to Belgrade for a long time, the two sides had agreed to discuss international and bilateral issues in the interest of their further development.

Mexican volcano belches again, pelts village afar

PICHUCALCO, Mexico (A.P.) — El Chichonal volcano hurled hot rocks, burning lava and debris for kilometres Saturday night, injuring at least 12 people in the biggest eruption since the southernmost Mexican peak turned active last week.

Earth tremors and loud underground rumblings preceded the eruption at 8:10 p.m. (0210 GMT), visible 13 kilometres away in villages near Pichucalco, a poor village of 13,000 people about 32 kilometres from the mountain. Minutes later hot volcanic debris pelted the village's huts, most of them built with thatch and flimsy tin.

"All those who have cars or trucks are leaving here," said Carmen Carballo, wife of Pichucalco's Mayor Manuel Carballo. She said others were seeking refuge in the municipal hall, built of brick and concrete roof.

ing, where the mayor set up an emergency centre.

At Villahermosa, the capital of Tabasco State, 58 kilometres to the north of the volcano, the smoke and volcanic dust was so dense it covered the night sky and the moon stopped being visible.

Commander Rosendo Martell, the area's Red Cross chief, said at his headquarters in Villahermosa the rain of hot ashes and debris—mostly hot pebbles—was falling over an area where 70,000 people lived.

Twelve Red Cross ambulances arrived at Villahermosa after the volcano blew, each carrying at least one injured person, drivers told reporters. They refused to give more details and there were no other immediate reports of casualties.

Mr. Martell said the Red Cross has set up a radio network throughout the area for the emergency.

Brezhnev reported back from hospital

MOSCOW (A.P.) — Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev has returned home and is recuperating slowly from an ailment that hospitalised him late last month, a reliable Soviet source said Sunday.

The 75-year-old Brezhnev was taken to a special clinic across the street from the Kremlin on March 25 after a visit to Soviet Central Asia, according to Soviet sources whose descriptions of his ailment range from exhaustion to a stroke.

A Soviet source, who has accurately reported on the health of Soviet leaders, in the past, said Mr. Brezhnev is under constant medical supervision and could be hospitalised at any time.

Government-run media, however, have remained silent on Mr. Brezhnev's reported hospitalisation, and there has been no official confirmation that he was ill.

Dispute over Polisario threatens OAU meeting

SALISBURY (R) — A simmering dispute over Western Sahara threatens yet another Organisation of African Unity (OAU) meeting, opening in Zimbabwe on Monday.

Nine nations say they are prepared to boycott a ministerial conference of the OAU labour commission due to be opened by Zimbabwe's Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The countries — Morocco, Somalia, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Mauritania, Tunisia, Liberia, Zaire and the Central African Republic — object to the admission to the OAU of the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) proclaimed by the Polisario front.

The front has been fighting Moroccan rule in the Western Sahara for six years.

SADR Information and Labour Minister Mohammad Salem Ould Salek has accused the United States of using the nine to destroy unity in Africa.

The nine, which say the SADR cannot be an OAU member because it is not a sovereign state, last week walked out from a series of technical meetings here designed to prepare for the ministerial talks.

SADR blasts U.S.

"These countries do not realise that they are gaining nothing from being used like pawns by the Americans. All they get in return for following orders are promises, while the United States continues to exploit their resources and their people," Mr. Salek said.

He did not elaborate. But earlier in the week SADR delegates accused the United States of trying to wreck the July OAU summit in Libya which is due to launch Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi on a year's chairmanship of the organisation.

A top immigration official, who asked not to be named, said the external affairs ministry has asked officials of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees for help to send Nguyen Quoc Geng, a cargo loader at the Hanoi airport, to a third country.

The Vietnamese embassy earlier had asked the ministry to deport the stowaway to Hanoi. The Vietnamese, who is being detained at New Delhi airport, was questioned Sunday by some Vietnamese diplomats, Indian officials said.

Mr. Nguyen, wearing a blue shirt, jeans and rubber slippers, was discovered when the Lufthansa plane landed here Friday night after a seven-hour flight from Hanoi.

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Portsmouth wakes up to flurry of action as Britain prepares for Falklands battle

PORTSMOUTH, England (R) — Britain's south coast naval base of Portsmouth was a flurry of activity Sunday preparing a task force fit to fight a sea war 11,000 kilometres away.

British Defence Secretary John Nott told parliament on Saturday that the Royal Navy would put to sea "in war-time order and with war-time stocks and weapons" for possible combat with Argentina over the Falklands Islands.

The aircraft carrier Invincible was to leave Monday, followed later by the carrier Hermes, to join a 36-ship fleet heading for the South Atlantic.

The Invincible's strike force of eight Harrier jump jets landed on her decks Sunday, taking their places alongside a squadron of assault helicopters.

At the Hermes, cranes swung trucks, aircraft cannon and spare parts on board while chains of sailors passed ammunition and food, including beer kegs and thousands of cans of soft drinks, up the gangways.

Other warships were heading south from the British base at Gibraltar, while the nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine Superb was already in the South Atlantic.

But it will be between two and three weeks before the fleet of more than half the navy's fighting ships is in position to try to wrest the remote colony from its new Argentine rulers.

Once there they will outnumber and outgun the Argentine navy, military experts said. But they added that a landing on the archipelago, now occupied by several thousand Argentine troops, poses enormous problems.

Military sources said the British fleet would carry only around 1,000 marines, plus some commando units.

Invincible, 19,500 tons and just two years old, is the navy's most powerful surface vessel and forms the spearhead of the task force. The Hermes, launched in 1953, is slightly slower but has recently been refitted and carries the same Sea King helicopters and five Harrier jets.

The submarine Superb, fast and capable of staying underwater for long periods, packs homing torpedoes which can sink a ship in seconds.

Two assault ships, specially designed to land tanks, vehicles and men on a hostile shore, are also getting ready in Portsmouth. Guided missile destroyers and frigates

complete the fleet, which is backed up by supply ships in sustain it in waters far from the nearest British base.

Argentina's counterstrength

In answer, Argentina's main strength at sea lies in two new British-built guided-missile destroyers and three modern French-built corvettes. The Argentine navy also includes an aircraft carrier, the Veinticinco de Mayo.

Built in Britain during World War Two, it is slower than the Invincible and Hermes but carries up to 14 modern Skyhawk jets.

Four conventional submarines, nine ageing destroyers and a 43-year-old cruiser complete the Argentine strength.

In missile combat between ships

military experts say the Royal Navy would have an advantage as it is armed with anti-missile defence weapons, while the Argentine navy is not.

But they added that Argentina has a considerable asset in being near home base, notably because it could call on land-based air support if British ships came within range.

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The experts said, however, that troop and equipment transport planes could reach the Falklands from Ascension, although they could not make a round trip without landing.

Ethnic Turks stage sit-in against Greek evictions

XANTHI, Greece (R) — Some 100 ethnic Turks staged a sit-in Saturday in the main square of Xanthi, 120 kilometres from the Turkish frontier, in protest at being evicted from state-owned land, a Greek government spokesman said.

They arrived on tractors and began the sit-in after a court ordered them off about 200 hectares in the village of Evialou, the spokesman said.

Turkey has condemned the court order as a stain on justice and said the ethnic Turks had occupied the land for more than a century.

A Turkish foreign ministry spokesman said in Ankara that the ethnic Turks had documents proving the land was theirs.

The Greek spokesman described them as squatters and said they could produce no titles supporting their claims to live on the land.

The protesters plan to continue their sit-in, the Greek spokesman said. So far there have been no incidents.

The Turkish foreign ministry said last Tuesday that Turkey would take counter-measures if Greece expropriated land or property of ethnic Turks in the northeastern Greek region of Thrace, where Xanthi and Evialou are located.

"This is an example of how politics can be a tool of justice," the Turkish spokesman said Saturday. "Turkey views the decision with great concern and is closely watching the situation."

Ankara will draw the attention of the Greek government to the decision, he said, and Turkey hopes the decision will be changed by a higher court.

Press reports in Ankara have said Turkey might expropriate the property of ethnic Greeks in Istanbul as a reprisal.

Greece and Turkey are at odds over Cyprus and territorial rights in the Aegean Sea. Greece's relations with right-wing military-ruled Turkey have deteriorated since Greeks elected Socialist Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu last October.

Polish curfew to be lifted for Easter holidays

WARSAW (R) — Curfew will be lifted in Poland for three days over the coming Easter holiday, it was announced on state radio Sunday.

The announcement, made at the end of the regular Sunday broadcast mass, means Poles will be allowed to stay out late at night next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Curfew has been in force in Poland since martial law was imposed last Dec. 13 but has been lifted twice before, for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Originally eight hours, the curfew was subsequently cut to six hours, from 2300 to 0500, though in some isolated areas it remained longer because of local trouble.

Canada to expel another Soviet diplomat

OTTAWA (R) — A second Soviet official is leaving Canada soon, forestalling expulsion for helping a colleague expelled for trying to buy restricted American high-technology goods, government officials said Saturday.

He is Andrei Plavinski, a commercial attaché at the Soviet embassy, they said. Mikhail Abramov, a trade representative at the embassy, was given 10 days to leave

Canada last Wednesday.

The officials said Mr. Plavinski would be leaving Canada soon at the end of his assignment.

"His tour of duty has ended and since he is leaving, we saw no need to include him in the expulsion," an external affairs department spokesman said, adding that no other Soviet diplomats were involved.

The government said Mr. Abramov's expulsion was a provocation and an unfriendly act.

amov offered large sums of cash to a Canadian businessman with contacts in the U.S. American Telephone and Telegraph Company (ATT) to buy fibre-optic and other communications equipment restricted under Western sanctions since the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Moscow described Mr. Abramov's expulsion as a provocation and an unfriendly act.

Labour sweep in Victoria bodes ill for Fraser

SYDNEY (R) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser seems certain to face the greatest challenge ever to his leadership after the opposition Labour Party swept to power in an election in the southern state of Victoria on Saturday.

Labour gained at least 13 seats and was certain of a comfortable majority in the 81-member state legislative assembly. The swing in its favour was more than twice the two per cent required for victory.

The result in Victoria, Mr. Fraser's home state and the birthplace of his Liberal Party which had controlled the assembly for the past

27 years, was a major setback for the party and the prime minister himself.

Political analysts said Andrew Peacock, a former foreign affairs and industrial relations minister was now virtually certain to challenge Mr. Fraser for the party leadership.

Mr. Peacock, 43, known as the "Sunlamp Kid" because of his perennial tan, resigned from Mr. Fraser's government a year ago and the analysts said he had been waiting for the right opportunity to make his play for power.

Commentators agreed that Mr. Peacock would lose credibility if he failed to exploit the opportunity provided by the disastrous showing of the Liberals in Victoria.

His challenge is expected to come on April 21 when the 81 Liberal members of parliament meet for the first time after the Easter recess.

State elections are normally fought on local issues, but the analysts said Victoria's 2.5 million voters had registered deep dissatisfaction over national economic problems like high interest rates and rising unemployment and inflation.

Mr. Fraser, in a comment to the result apparently aimed at stifling turmoil within his party, said the federal government must now provide stable national government.

Mr. Peacock refused to confirm or deny in a television interview that he would challenge for the leadership.

But he said public dissatisfaction with the Liberals — senior partners in a federal coalition government with the National Country Party — was not confined to Victoria and he called for policies to be re-examined after the setback.

He said of the left-wing canton defeat: "It was well deserved. I'm not crying over the government's failure, although that doesn't mean I'm rejoicing over the conservative victory."

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Cantonal elections boost French ecologists

By Stephen Weeks
Reuters

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but failed to win a single canton seat.

"Our vote looks thin if spread over the nation but a closer look shows that where we are, we're not doing badly," said Political Ecology Movement (MEP) spokeswoman Catherine Bonnel.

In the decisive second round of the elections several ecology leaders called on their supporters to back candidates of the ruling Socialist-Communist coalition but Mr. Lalonde said most green voters abstained after their candidates were knocked out.

"I only ask you to look at the percentages and recall left-wing candidates often fell about three per cent short in towns where all signs were they should have won," he told an interviewer.

Mr. Lalonde said the left was denied the small, but perhaps useful, ecology vote in the elections which saw the Socialists and Communists clearly defeated.

A spokeswoman for the Friends of the Earth ecology group echoed the warning: "The government wants to write us off, to hold us up

as a spent political force, to forget what it owes us. Hopefully this defeat will remind them."

French Socialist candidates last summer openly courted the green vote when they won the presidency and an absolute majority in the National Assembly.

Outside the ranks of the ecologists, no serious commentator has suggested the greens hold the balance of power in France, or even that they turned the electoral tide for the Socialists.

But political analysts noted that most of the one million people, who voted for Mr. Lalonde, followed the green party leader's advice and backed President Francois Mitterrand in the final round in May.

Since the Socialist victories last summer the main ecology movements — the Friends of the Earth, Greenpeace and MEP — have said their forces were betrayed by the new administration.

Ecology groups angrily denounced a Socialist decision to start construction of six nuclear reactors between 1982-84. The pre-

vious centre-right government wanted nine.

Some of the most violent anti-nuclear demonstrations seen in France have taken place since the Socialist decision.

Principal targets have been the Chooz site near the Belgian border, the La Hague nuclear reprocessing plant on the Channel, where spent West German and Japanese fuels are treated, and the Golfech site on the Garonne River in the southwest.

Since the canton elections the ecology groups have vowed to press ahead with their anti-nuclear power campaign, calling for a mass rally in Paris on April 17 and a "spring festival" at Chooz in late May.

The Socialists strongly criticised the previous centre-right government's nuclear plan as too much too fast but on taking office they appeared to quickly adopt the underlying premise: Energy-poor France needs atomic power.

The country is dependent on oil imports, mostly from the Middle East, for its energy and paid 137

billion francs (\$24.5 billion) for the foreign supplies last year.

The 30 nuclear reactors along the country's rivers provide about 40 per cent of its electricity, making it the third largest programme in the world. About four reactors are due to join the atomic grid each year for the next five years.

Mr. Lalonde accused the Socialists of breaking a string of campaign promises aimed at wooing the green vote, from pushing ahead with the atomic programme, to failing to give fairer television time to special interest groups or adopt proportional representation, which he feels would help ecology candidates.

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MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

Israel compares Falkland Islands with West Bank

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel said Sunday Britain's readiness to fight for the Falkland Islands, invaded by Argentina last Friday, should help explain why Israel refuses to give up the Israeli-occupied West Bank. A statement read out by a government spokesman after the regular weekly cabinet meeting said: "The government took note that Britain is ready to fight over islands 8,000 miles (13,000 kilometres) from its shores. This being so we have the right to expect that our friends in England and elsewhere abroad will better understand and will not demand of us further that we surrender to foreign rule parts of our homeland that are located less than one mile (1.6 kilometre) from our capital city and but a few miles from most of our populated centres."

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Velayati holds talks in Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI (R) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati discussed bilateral and Arab-Iranian relations Sunday, the official Emirates news agency said. Their three-hour meeting also covered the Middle East situation, the agency added. It gave no details. Mr. Velayati arrived from Tehran and was due to leave later Sunday for Kuwait to attend a conference of the non-aligned coordination bureau.

UAE to cut foreign aid

ABU DHABI (R) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will cut foreign aid this year to 1.6 billion dirhams (\$440 million) from a budgeted 3.8 billion (\$1 billion), Finance Minister Sheikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum has said. Faced with falling revenue from oil exports, the UAE will limit aid to promises which may be made at summit conferences and pledges already signed, he told the federal national council in a budget speech on Saturday. The UAE cut oil output to a million barrels daily, from over 1.3 million under an OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) accord last month. It also cut the price of its main crude by more than \$1 a barrel.

Kyprianou pessimistic on Cyprus problem

ROME (R) — Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou has said he was not optimistic about a rapid solution of the Cyprus problem because of Turkey's policy towards the island. Mr. Kyprianou said after arriving in Rome, where he is due to meet U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, his government would never accept Turkish demands for a separate state in Cyprus.

15,000 prisoners granted amnesty, Tehran says

LONDON (R) — Fifteen thousand prisoners have been granted amnesty or have had their sentences reduced to mark the third anniversary of the Iranian revolution last month, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported Sunday.

Qadhafi plans to visit Greece

ATHENS (A.P.) — Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi plans to make an official visit to Greece soon, possibly before the end of April, the Athens daily Kathimerini said Sunday. The newspaper said Col. Qadhafi's visit, at the invitation of Premier Andreas Papandreu, was aimed at making Greece a mediator in Libya's bid to improve relations with Western Europe. "Such a visit would open the way for Qadhafi to go to other

EEC member countries," the newspaper said. Meanwhile, a Greek Communist Party delegation headed by Secretary Nikolaos Florakis was flying to Libya Monday for an official visit at the invitation of Col. Qadhafi, a party spokesman said.

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